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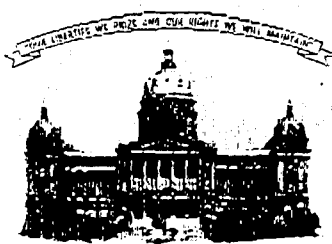
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Re: Comments in Support of the Microsoft Proposed Settlement Agreement

Dear Ms. Hesse:

I am adding my support as Majority Leader of the Iowa Senate for the efforts by the Department of Justice and a number of Attorneys General to settle the Microsoft case.

I am not an economist or a lawyer, but I know the marketplace. The markets have responded very positively to the prospect of this settlement agreement being accepted by the Court. That would be good news here in Iowa as we struggle to regain the momentum our economy had in the 1990s, much of it because many smaller businesses were able to partner with Microsoft and others in the high-tech industry. The markets have said it's time to clear away the cloud cover and bring some sunshine again.

I know the government has some role in overseeing the market place. The settlement helps define that role. It is also important that we not destroy this company.

Thank you for the efforts of all involved in crafting this proposed agreement. Keep urging the Court to accept your work product.

Sincerely,

Stewart Iverson, Jr.
Iowa Senate Majority Leader